

SENATE BILL No. 61

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 5-10-17.

Synopsis: Emergency medical services provider disability benefits. Authorizes a municipal corporation to provide programs of disability insurance (programs) to its emergency medical services providers who become disabled as the result of an injury or illness: (1) that is not covered by worker's compensation or occupational diseases compensation; or (2) for which worker's compensation or occupational diseases compensation has been exhausted. Provides that the elimination or waiting period before a benefit begins may not be greater than: (1) 30 days, for a short term disability program; or (2) 120 days, for a long term disability program. Allows a municipal corporation to provide the programs by purchasing policies of group insurance or establishing a self-insurance program. Requires the fiscal body of a municipal corporation to approve the establishment of a self-insurance program. Allows the programs to exclude part-time employees and individuals who provide services to the municipal corporation under a contract. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the pension management oversight commission.)

Effective: July 1, 2014.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 5-10-17 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2014]:
4 **Chapter 17. Emergency Medical Services Provider Disability**
5 **Benefits**
6 **Sec. 1. This chapter applies to an emergency medical services**
7 **provider who is:**
8 (1) **employed by a municipal corporation; and**
9 (2) **not eligible for a disability benefit under IC 36-8-6,**
10 **IC 36-8-7, IC 36-8-7.5, or IC 36-8-8.**
11 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "emergency medical services**
12 **provider" has the meaning set forth in IC 16-41-10-1.**
13 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "fiscal body" has the meaning set**
14 **forth in IC 36-1-2-6.**
15 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "municipal corporation" has the**
16 **meaning set forth in IC 5-10-9-1.**



1 **Sec. 5. (a) A municipal corporation may provide programs of**
2 **disability insurance to its emergency medical services providers**
3 **who become disabled as the result of an injury or illness:**

4 **(1) that is not covered by:**

5 **(A) worker's compensation (IC 22-3-2 through IC 22-3-6);**
6 **or**

7 **(B) worker's occupational diseases compensation**
8 **(IC 22-3-7); or**

9 **(2) for which coverage under worker's compensation or**
10 **worker's occupational diseases compensation has been**
11 **exhausted.**

12 **(b) A program established under subsection (a) may not have an**
13 **elimination or waiting period of greater than the following before**
14 **a benefit begins:**

15 **(1) Thirty (30) days, for a short term disability program.**

16 **(2) One hundred twenty (120) days, for a long term disability**
17 **program.**

18 **(c) A municipal corporation may provide the programs of**
19 **disability insurance described in subsection (a) through either of**
20 **the following:**

21 **(1) By purchasing policies of group insurance.**

22 **(2) By establishing self-insurance programs.**

23 **(d) A municipal corporation may exclude from coverage under**
24 **a program of disability insurance an emergency medical services**
25 **provider who:**

26 **(1) is a part-time employee (as defined by the municipal**
27 **corporation); or**

28 **(2) provides services to the municipal corporation under a**
29 **contract.**

30 **(e) The establishment of a self-insurance program under this**
31 **section is subject to the approval of the municipal corporation's**
32 **fiscal body.**

